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SUBJ: ARA MONTHLY NARCOTICS REPORT

REF: A) STATE 142821, B) SANTIAGO 5459

FOLLOWING SUBMITTED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN ARA MONTHLY NARCOTICS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER:

ON OCTOBER 11 GOC ISSUED DECREE LAW 81, DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF INTERNAL SECURITY. ONE ARTICLE OF DECREE PERMITS EXPULSION OF BOTH FOREIGNERS AND CHILEAN NATIONALS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS TO NATIONAL SECURITY BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT OF COURTS. AS USG PROCESSED DOCUMENTATION DURING NOVEMBER TO SUPPORT EXTRADITION REQUESTS FOR NINE MAJOR TRAFFICKERS JAILED AT OUR REQUEST, GOC PRIVATELY INDICATED TO SAIC/DEA WILLINGNESS TO APPLY EXPULSION PROVISIONS OF DECREE 81 TO THESE DRUG TRAFFICKERS. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, STATE, JUSTICE AND
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DEA ACCEPTED THIS PROCEDURE AS THE MOST FAVORABLE TO OUR EFFORTS

REDUCE THE COCAINE TRAFFIC FROM CHILE. IN A CAREFULLY TIMED OPERATION, ON DECEMBER 4 THE USG WITHDREW ITS FORMAL REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF THE NINE. THE CHILEAN SUPREME COURT THEN AUTHORIZED "RELEASE" OF THE NINE, WHO WERE THEN TAKEN UNDER AUTHORIZATION OF DECREE 81 INTO MILITARY CUSTODY. DURING THE NIGHT OF DEC 4/5 ALL NINE WERE PLACED ABOARD A CHARTERED LAN CHILE PLANE WITH A TEAM OF CHILEAN POLICE AND DEA GUARDS AND FLOWN DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK, WHERE THE ORIGINAL INDICTMENTS HAD BEEN FILED. THIS ACTION DEMONSTRATES THE FULL COOPERATION BEING OFFERED TO US BY THE NEW GOC, AND ITS DETERMINATION TO ELIMINATE CHILE AS A CENTER OF DRUG TRAFFICKING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOC MAY BE WILLING TO APPLY SAME PROCESS TO SEVEN OTHER NARCOTICS FUGITIVES FOR WHOM SEARCH UNDERWAY IN RESPONSE TO USG EXTRADITION REQUESTS.

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